THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) As per information available, the number of persons who died due to Viral Hepatitis including Hepatitis-B during the year 2001 is 1014.

(b) The measures taken by the Government to control the spread of Hepatitis-B are as under:-

- Mandatory screening of all blood donations for HBsAG at Blood Banks.
- Health education activities to promote safe sexual behaviour under the National AIDS Control Programme.
- Instructions have been issued to the Health Authorities for use of a separate sterile syringes and needles for each injection.
- Central Government Hospital personnel at risk to be immunized. State Governments have also been advised to take similar steps.

**Introduction of World Bank Project to check use of fake drugs**

†2570. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to introduce a World Bank Project to stop the use of fake drugs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action being taken against the sellers of these drugs, so far; and

(d) the number of cases noticed, so far?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SHATRUGHAN SINHA): (a) and (b) The Government has during the current financial year (2002-03) posed to the World Bank a Capacity Building Project to augment the infrastructure, manpower etc. of the Central and States Drugs Testing Laboratories. In this project, the proposal of about 26 drugs testing laboratories have been included. The total cost of project both for food and drugs sector is about Rs. 300 crores, in which Rs. 94 crores is meant for drugs sector.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Government has also initiated a project under Centrally Sponsored Scheme costing approximately Rs. 5 crores for networking of State Drugs Control Administration and Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation through computerization. Under this project, online communication amongst the States shall be feasible for instant retrieval of information by all States/ CDSCO offices including secure and confirmed transmission of data based information regarding various regulatory activities, thereby ensuring monitoring of quality of drugs manufactured and sold in the country including check on inter-state movement of spurious/fake medicines.

(c) A statement showing the number of prosecutions launched, number of cases decided etc. during the period 1.4.2000 to 31.3.2001 is enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).

(d) A statement showing the number of samples tested, number of samples found sub-standard, number of samples found spurious by State Drug Licensing Authorities during the period 1.4.2000 to 31.3.2001 is enclosed as Statement-II.

***Statement-I***

*The Number of Prosecutions Launched, Number of cases decided etc. During the Period* 1.4.2000 *to* 31.3.2001

| Sl. No. | State/UTs | Number of Prosecutions Launched | Number of cases decided |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 84 | 27 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | Nil | Nil |
| 3. | Assam | 6 | Nil |
| 4. | Bihar | N.A. | N.A. |
| 5. | Goa | 2 | Nil |
| 6. | Gujarat | 31 | 11 |
| 7. | Haryana | N.A. | N.A. |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 12 | 7 |
| 9. | Jammu and Kashmir | 68 | 3 |

| Sl. No. | State/UTs | Number of Prosecutions Launched | Number of cases decided |
|---|---|---|---|
| 10. | Karnataka | 22 | 12 |
| 11. | Kerala | 50 | 13 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 9 | 7 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 157 | 63 |
| 14. | Manipur | Nil | Nil |
| 15. | Meghalaya | Nil | Nil |
| 16. | Mizoram | Nil | Nil |
| 17. | Nagaland | Nil | Nil |
| 18. | Orissa | 10 | 3 |
| 19. | Punjab | 22 | 18 |
| 20. | Rajasthan | 45 | 19 |
| 21. | Sikkim | Nil | Nil |
| 22. | Tamil Nadu | 106 | 52 |
| 23. | Tripura | 2 | Nil |
| 24. | Uttar Pradesh | 6 | Nil |
| 25. | West Bengal | 8 | 1 |
| 26. | Pondicherry | Nil | Nil |
| 27. | Andaman & Nicobar Islands | Nil | Nil |
| 28. | Chandigarh | Nil | Nil |
| 29. | Delhi | 11 | 9 |
| 30. | Dadar & Nagar Haveli | Nil | Nil |
| 31. | Daman & Diu | Nil | Nil |
| 32. | Lakshadweep | Nil | Nil |
| 33. | Uttaranchal | Nil | Nil |
| | TOTAL: | 651 | 245 |

N.A. Information not Available.

***Statement-II***

*State-wise Number of Samples tested; Number of Sample found Sub standard; Number of Samples found spurious by State Drugs Licencing Authorities during the period* 1.04.2000 *to* 31.3.2001.

| Sl.No. | States/UTs | Tested | Sub-standard | Spurious |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 3588 | 174 | 27 |
| 2. | A & N Islands | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 3. | Assam | 207 | 9 | Nil |
| 4. | Arunachal Pradesh | 37 | Nil | Nil |
| 5. | Bihar | 550 | 32 | 3 |
| 6. | Chandigarh | 120 | 26 | Nil |
| 7. | Delhi | 912 | 42 | 7 |
| 8. | Goa | 257 | 43 | Nil |
| 9. | Gujarat | 4083 | 439 | 2 |
| 10. | Haryana | 3120 | 136 | 15 |
| 11. | Himachal Pradesh | 606 | 25 | Nil |
| 12. | Jammu & Kashmir | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 13. | Karnataka | 2358 | 184 | Nil |
| 14. | Kerala | 3541 | 162 | Nil |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 3456 | 125 | 1 |
| 16. | Maharashtra | 4849 | 712 | 3 |
| 17. | Meghalaya | 115 | 7 | Nil |
| 18. | Manipur | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 19. | Mizoram | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 20. | Nagaland | 8 | 2 | Nil |
| 21. | Orissa | 1571 | 61 | Nil |
| 22. | Pondicherry | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 23. | Punjab | 1041 | 117 | 17 |
| 24. | Rajasthan | 665 | 149 | 13 |
| 25. | Sikkim | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 26. | Tamil Nadu | 3645 | 509 | 4 |
| 27. | Tripura | 465 | 25 | Nil |
| 28. | U.P. | 583 | 64 | 19 |
| 29. | West Bengal | 1170 | 45 | 1 |
| 30. | Daman & Diu | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 31. | Dadra & Nagar Haveli | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 32. | Lakshadweep | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 33. | Uttaranchal | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | TOTAL: | 36947 | 3088 | 112 |